

**CITY OF NEWTON
PURCHASING DEPARTMENT**

CONTRACT FOR PUBLIC WORKS - UTILITIES DIVISION

**PROJECT MANUAL:
SUPPLY AND DELIVER
FIRE HYDRANTS & HYDRANT PARTS
*INVITATION FOR BID #10-47***

**FEBRUARY 2010
Setti D. Warren, Mayor**

CITY OF NEWTON
PURCHASING DEPARTMENT
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The City of Newton invites sealed bids from Contractors to:

SUPPLY AND DELIVER FIRE HYDRANTS AND HYDRANT PARTS

Bids will be received until: **9:00 a.m., March 4, 2010.**

at the Purchasing Department, Room 204, Newton City Hall, 1000 Commonwealth Ave., Newton, MA 02459. Immediately following the deadline for bids all bids received within the time specified will be publicly opened and read aloud.

Work under this contract requires a contractor to supply and deliver Fire Hydrants and Hydrant Parts in accordance with Project Manual.

The contract will be awarded to the lowest responsible and responsive bidder for the total of each individual Item (1, 2, 3) for each type of Hydrant and parts.

The term of the contract **shall extend for twelve (12) months from day of contract execution.**

Contract Documents will be available online at www.ci.newton.ma.us/bids or pick up at the **Purchasing Dept after 10:00 a.m., February 18, 2010.**

There will be no charge for contract documents.

Bid Surety is not required for this bid.

All bids are subject to the provisions of M.G.L. Chapter 30B.

All bids shall be submitted as one ORIGINAL and one COPY.

Some City of Newton bids are available on the City's web site, www.ci.newton.ma.us/bids, Invitation for Bid. It is the sole responsibility of the contractor downloading these bids to ensure they have received any and all addenda prior to the bid opening. Addenda's will be available online within the original bid document as well as a separate file. If you download bids from the internet site and would like to make it known that your company has done so, you may fax the Purchasing Dept. (617) 796-1227 or email to purchasing@newtonma.gov with your NAME, ADDRESS, PHONE, FAX **AND INVITATION FOR BID NUMBER.**

The City of Newton's Purchasing Dept. converted to an email notification system of all upcoming public bids effective July 1, 2009. If you wish to receive notification of bids, please email us your company information to purchasing@newtonma.gov, otherwise you may view all City of Newton public bids online at www.ci.newton.ma.us/bids.

The City of Newton will reject any and all bids when required to do so by the above referenced General Laws. In addition, the City of Newton reserves the right to waive any informalities in any or all bids, or to reject any or all bids, in whole or in part, if it be in the public interest to do so.

CITY OF NEWTON

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Chief Procurement Officer

February 18, 2010

CITY OF NEWTON
DEPARTMENT OF PURCHASING
INSTRUCTIONS TO BIDDERS

ARTICLE 1 - BIDDER'S REPRESENTATION

- 1.1 Each General Bidder (hereinafter called the "Bidder") by making a bid (hereinafter called "bid") represents that:
1. The Bidder has read and understands the Contract Documents and the bid is made in accordance therewith.
 2. The Bidder has visited the site and is familiar with the local conditions under which the Work has to be performed.
- 1.2 Failure to so examine the Contract Documents and site will not relieve any Bidder from any obligation under the bid as submitted.

ARTICLE 2 - REQUEST FOR INTERPRETATION

- 2.1 Bidders shall promptly notify the City of any ambiguity, inconsistency, or error which they may discover upon examination of the Contract Documents, the site, and local conditions.
- 2.2 Bidders requiring clarification or interpretation of the Contract Documents shall make a written request to the *Chief Procurement Officer*, at purchasing@newtonma.gov or via facsimile (617) 796-1227. The City will answer such requests if received seven (7) calendar days before the date for receipt of the bids.
- 2.3 Interpretation, correction, or change in the Contract Documents will be made by Addendum which will become part of the Contract Documents. The City will not be held accountable for any oral instruction.
- 2.4 Addenda will be faxed or mailed First Class postage by the USPS, to every individual or firm on record as having taken a set of Contract Documents.
- 2.5 Copies of addenda will be made available for inspection at the location listed in the Invitation for Bids where Contract Documents are on file, in addition to being available online at www.ci.newton.ma.us/bids.
- 2.6 Bidders downloading information off the internet web site are solely responsible for obtaining any addenda prior to the bid opening. If the bidder makes themselves known to the Purchasing Dept., at purchasing@newtonma.gov or via facsimile (617) 796-1227, they shall be placed on the bidder's list. Bidders must provide the Purchasing Dept. with their company's name, street address, city, state, zip, phone, fax and **INVITATION FOR BID NUMBER #10-47**.

ARTICLE 3 - MBE PARTICIPATION

- 3.1 Notice is hereby given that the Mayor's Affirmative Action Plan for the City of Newton, dated December 1999 is applicable to all construction contracts in excess of \$10,000.00. A copy of this plan is on file at City of Newton Purchasing Department.
- 3.2 Notice is hereby given that the City of Newton Minority/Women Business Enterprise Plan dated December 1999 and the Supplemental Equal Employment Opportunity Anti-Discrimination and Affirmative Action Program is applicable to all City contracts for goods and services in excess of \$50,000.00. Copies of these plans are incorporated in the bidding documents.

ARTICLE 4 - PREPARATION AND SUBMISSION OF BIDS

- 4.1 Bids shall be submitted on the "Bid Form" as appropriate, furnished by the City.

- 4.2 All entries on the Bid Form shall be made by typewriter or in ink.
- 4.3 Where so indicated on the Bid Form, sums shall be expressed in both words and figures. Where there is a discrepancy between the bid sum expressed in words and the bid sum expressed in figures, the words shall control.
- 4.4 Bid Deposits shall be submitted in the amount specified in the Invitation for Bids. They shall be made payable to the City of Newton and shall be either in the form of cash, certified check, treasurer's or cashier's check issued by a responsible bank or trust company, or a bid bond issued by a surety licensed to do business in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts; and shall be conditioned upon the faithful performance by the principal of the agreements contained in the bid.
- Bid deposits of the three (3) lowest responsible and eligible Bidders shall be retained until the execution and delivery of the Owner/Contractor agreement.
- 4.5 The Bid, including the bid deposit shall be enclosed in a sealed envelope with the following plainly marked on the outside:
- * GENERAL BID FOR:
 - * NAME OF PROJECT AND **INVITATION NUMBER**
 - * BIDDER'S NAME, BUSINESS ADDRESS, AND PHONE NUMBER
- 4.6 Date and time for receipt of bids is set forth in the Invitation for Bids.
- 4.7 Timely delivery of a bid at the location designated shall be the full responsibility of the Bidder.
- 4.8 Bids shall be submitted with one **original** and one **copy**.

ARTICLE 5 - ALTERNATES

- 5.1 Each Bidder shall acknowledge Alternates (if any) in Section C on the Bid Form.
- 5.2 In the event an Alternate does not involve a change in the amount of the base bid, the Bidder shall so indicated by writing "No Change", or "N/C" or "0" in the space provided for that Alternate.
- 5.3 Bidders shall enter on the Bid Form a single amount for each Alternate which shall consist of the amount for work performed by the Contractor.
- 5.4 The low Bidder will be determined on the basis of the sum of the base bid and the accepted alternates.

ARTICLE 6 - WITHDRAWAL OF BIDS

- 6.1 Any bid may be withdrawn prior to the time designated for receipt of bids on written or telegraphic request. Telegraphic withdrawal of bids must be confirmed over the Bidder's signature by written notice postmarked on or before the date and time set for receipt of bids.
- 6.2 Withdrawn bids may be resubmitted up to the time designated for the receipt of bids.
- 6.3 No bids shall be withdrawn within thirty days, Saturdays, Sundays and legal holidays excluded, after the opening of the bids.

ARTICLE 7 - CONTRACT AWARD

- 7.1 The City of Newton will award the contract to the lowest eligible and responsible Bidder within thirty days, Saturdays, Sundays, and legal holidays excluded after the opening of bids.
- 7.2 The City of Newton reserves the right to waive any informalities in or to reject any or all Bids if it be in the public interest to do so.

- 7.3 As used herein, the term "lowest responsible and eligible Bidder" shall mean the Bidder (1) whose bid is the lowest of those bidders possessing the skill, ability and integrity necessary for the faithful performance of the work; (2) who shall certify that he is able to furnish labor that can work in harmony with all other elements of labor employed or to be employed in the work; (3) who, where the provisions of section eight B of chapter twenty-nine apply, shall have been determined to be qualified thereunder.
- 7.4 Subsequent to the award and within five (5) days, Saturday, Sundays and legal holidays excluded, after the prescribed forms are presented for signature, the successful Bidder shall execute and deliver to the City a Contract in the form included in the Contract Documents in such number of counterparts as the City may require.
- 7.5 In the event that the City receives low bids in identical amount from two or more responsive and responsible Bidders, the City shall select the successful Bidder by a blind selection process such as flipping a coin or drawing names from a hat. The low Bidders who are under consideration will be invited to attend and observe the selection process.

ARTICLE 8 - TAXES

- 8.1 The Bidder shall not include in this bid any tax imposed upon the sale or rental of tangible personal property in this Commonwealth, such as any and all building materials, supplies, services and equipment required to complete the work.
- 8.2 The City is exempt from payment of the Massachusetts Sales Tax, and the Bidder shall not include any sales tax on its bid. The City's exemption Number is E-046-001-404.

END OF SECTION

CITY OF NEWTON

DEPARTMENT OF PURCHASING

BID FORM #10-47

- A. The undersigned proposes to supply and deliver the materials and/or equipment and/or supplies specified below in full accordance with the Contract Documents and Project Manual supplied by the City of Newton entitled:

SUPPLY AND DELIVER FIRE HYDRANTS AND HYDRANT PARTS

for the contract price(s) specified below, subject to additions and deductions according to the terms of the specifications.

- B. This bid includes addenda number(s) _____.

- C. The Bidder proposes to furnish and deliver the materials specified at the following price(s).

ITEM	DESCRIPTION	QUANTITY	UNIT PRICE	TOTAL PRICE
1.	Mueller Super Centurian 200			
a.	5 1/2 Ft. Bury Hydrant	50	_____	_____
b.	6 Ft. Bury Hydrant	15	_____	_____
c.	5 Ft Bury Hydrant	20	_____	_____
d.	Collision Repair Kits	20	_____	_____
e.	6" Hydt. Barrel Extension	6	_____	_____
f.	1' Hydt. Barrel Extension	6	_____	_____
			ITEM 1 TOTAL	\$ _____
2.	Kennedy Guardian K8ID			
a.	5 1/2 Ft. Bury Hydrant	50	_____	_____
b.	6 Ft. Bury Hydrant	15	_____	_____
c.	5 Ft Bury Hydrant	20	_____	_____
d.	Collision Repair Kit	20	_____	_____
e.	6" Hydt. Barrel Extension	6	_____	_____
f.	1' Hydt. Extension	6	_____	_____
			ITEM 2 TOTAL	\$ _____
3.	Darling B84 w/ CD Shoe			
a.	5 1/2 Ft. Bury Hydrant	50	_____	_____
b.	6 Ft. Bury Hydrant	15	_____	_____
c.	5 Ft Bury Hydrant	20	_____	_____
d.	Collision Repair Kit	20	_____	_____
e.	6" Hydt. Barrel Extension	6	_____	_____
f.	1' Hydt. Barrel Extension	6	_____	_____
			ITEM 3 TOTAL	\$ _____

COMPANY: _____

D. The undersigned has completed and submits herewith the following documents:

- ☐ Bidder's Qualification Form and References, 2 pages
- ☐ Original bid and one COPY

E. The undersigned agrees that, if selected as contractor, s/he will within five days, Saturdays, Sundays and legal holidays excluded, after presentation thereof by the City of Newton, execute a contract in accordance with the terms of this bid. The undersigned hereby certifies that s/he is able to furnish labor that can work in harmony with all other elements of labor employed or to be employed on the work and that's/he will comply fully with all laws and regulations applicable to awards made subject to M.G.L. Chapter 30B.

The undersigned further certifies under the penalties of perjury that this bid has been made and submitted in good faith and without collusion or fraud with any other person. As used in this section the word "person" shall mean any natural person, business, partnership, corporation, union, committee, club or other organization, entity, or group of individuals. The undersigned further certifies under penalty of perjury that the said undersigned is not presently debarred from public contracting or subcontracting in the Commonwealth under the provisions of M.G.L. Chapter 29, Section 29F or any other applicable debarment provisions of any other chapter of the General Laws or any rule or regulation promulgated thereunder.

Date _____

(Name of Bidder)

BY: _____

(Printed Name and Title of Signatory)

(Business Address)

(City, State Zip)

(Telephone)

(FAX)

(E-mail address)

NOTE: If the bidder is a corporation, indicate state of incorporation under signature, and affix corporate seal; if a partnership, give full names and residential addresses of all partners; if an individual, give residential address if different from business address; and, if operating as a d/b/a give full legal identity. Attach additional pages as necessary.

END OF SECTION

**CITY OF NEWTON
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS
UTILITIES DIVISION**

SPECIFICATIONS FOR FIRE HYDRANTS AND PARTS

FIRE HYDRANTS

The City is becoming standardized on three hydrants produced by the following manufacturers and will accept bid proposals limited to supplying the products of:

Mueller Super Centurian 200
Kennedy Guardian K81D
Darling B84 W/ CD shoe

Hydrants shall have the following:

5-1/4" Valve opening
6" Mechanical joint connection conforming to A.N.S.I. Specifications
5-1/2' Bury (6' from ground line to invert of inlet connection)
6' Bury (6-1/2' from ground line to invert of inlet connection)
2 -2-1/2" hose nozzles
1- Steamer Connection

The standpipe shall be of the two-section type and be equipped with breakable safety feature on stem and flange joint at ground line. All parts of each type and size are to be interchangeable with each other. The Hydrants shall be arranged to open right and arrow to indicate same is to be thereon. The operating nut and the nozzle cap nuts shall be National Standard, pentagon shape measuring 1-1/2 inches from point to flat.

Conforming to A. W. W. A. specifications tested for 300-PSI water pressure and 150-PSI water working pressure.

The painting shall be white for tops and nozzle caps and red for the standpipe above the ground line.

All qualified bidders are requested to also quote on hydrants of their manufacture that have bronze features in lower internal parts. This feature designed for ease of removal of all working parts.

End of Section

CITY OF NEWTON

BIDDER'S QUALIFICATIONS AND REFERENCES FORM

All questions must be answered, and the data given must be clear and comprehensive. Please type or print legibly. If necessary, add additional sheet for starred items. This information will be utilized by the City of Newton for purposes of determining bidder responsiveness and responsibility with regard to the requirements and specifications of the Contract.

1. FIRM NAME: _____
2. WHEN ORGANIZED: _____
3. INCORPORATED? ☐ YES ☐ NO DATE AND STATE OF INCORPORATION: _____
- * 4. LIST ALL CONTRACTS CURRENTLY ON HAND, SHOWING CONTRACT AMOUNT AND ANTICIPATED DATE OF COMPLETION:

- * 5. HAVE YOU EVER FAILED TO COMPLETE A CONTRACT AWARDED TO YOU?
☐ YES ☐ NO
IF YES, WHERE AND WHY?

- * 6. HAVE YOU EVER DEFAULTED ON A CONTRACT? ☐ YES ☐ NO
IF YES, PROVIDE DETAILS.

- * 7. LIST YOUR VEHICLES/EQUIPMENT AVAILABLE FOR THIS CONTRACT:

- * 8. IN THE SPACES FOLLOWING, PROVIDE INFORMATION REGARDING CONTRACTS COMPLETED BY YOUR FIRM SIMILAR IN NATURE TO THE PROJECT BEING BID. A MINIMUM OF FOUR (4) CONTRACTS SHALL BE LISTED. PUBLICLY BID CONTRACTS ARE PREFERRED, BUT NOT MANDATORY.

PROJECT NAME: _____
OWNER: _____

CITY/STATE: _____
DOLLAR AMOUNT: \$ _____ DATE COMPLETED: _____
PUBLICLY BID? ☐ YES ☐ NO
TYPE OF WORK?: _____
CONTACT PERSON: _____ TELEPHONE #: (____)_____
CONTACT PERSON'S RELATION TO PROJECT?: _____
(i.e., contract manager, purchasing agent, etc.)

PROJECT NAME: _____
OWNER: _____
CITY/STATE: _____
DOLLAR AMOUNT: \$ _____ DATE COMPLETED: _____
PUBLICLY BID? ☐ YES ☐ NO
TYPE OF WORK?: _____
CONTACT PERSON: _____ TELEPHONE #: (____)_____
CONTACT PERSON'S RELATION TO PROJECT?: _____
(i.e., contract manager, purchasing agent, etc.)

PROJECT NAME: _____
OWNER: _____
CITY/STATE: _____
DOLLAR AMOUNT: \$ _____ DATE COMPLETED: _____
PUBLICLY BID? ☐ YES ☐ NO
TYPE OF WORK?: _____
CONTACT PERSON: _____ TELEPHONE #: (____)_____
CONTACT PERSON'S RELATION TO PROJECT?: _____
(i.e., contract manager, purchasing agent, etc.)

PROJECT NAME: _____
OWNER: _____
CITY/STATE: _____
DOLLAR AMOUNT: \$ _____ DATE COMPLETED: _____
PUBLICLY BID? ☐ YES ☐ NO
TYPE OF WORK?: _____
CONTACT PERSON: _____ TELEPHONE #: (____)_____
CONTACT PERSON'S RELATION TO PROJECT?: _____
(i.e., contract manager, purchasing agent, etc.)

9. The undersigned certifies that the information contained herein is complete and accurate and hereby authorizes and requests any person, firm, or corporation to furnish any information requested by the City of Newton in verification of the recitals comprising this statement of Bidder's qualifications and experience.

DATE: _____ BIDDER: _____

SIGNATURE: _____

PRINTED NAME: _____ TITLE: _____

END OF SECTION

CONTRACT FORMS

The awarded bidder will be required to complete and submit the following documents in order to execute a contract pursuant to this bid.

The forms are provided here for informational purposes only.

None of the following forms are required at the time of bid submittal.

CITY - CONTRACTOR AGREEMENT

CONTRACT NO. C -

THIS AGREEMENT made this ____ day of _____ in the year Two Thousand and Ten by and between the CITY OF NEWTON, a municipal corporation organized and existing under the laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, hereinafter referred to as the CITY, acting through its Chief Procurement Officer, but without personal liability to him, and

hereinafter referred to as the CONTRACTOR.

The parties hereto for the considerations hereinafter set forth agree as follows:

- I. **SCOPE OF WORK.** The Contractor agrees to furnish and to deliver to the City at such times, at such place or places, in such manner, and in such quantities as the City may direct, and at the unit prices quoted in the Contractor's bid the following item or items:

Fire Hydrants and Parts

- II. **CONTRACT DOCUMENTS.** The Contract Documents consist of the following documents which are either attached to this Agreement or are incorporated herein by reference:

- a. This CITY-CONTRACTOR Agreement;
- b. The City's Invitation For Bid #10-47 issued by the Purchasing Department;
- c. The Project Manual for Supply and Deliver Fire Hydrants and Parts including Specifications, and if included or referenced therein, any Standard Terms and Conditions, Special Conditions, Wage Rate Requirements, Wage Rate Schedule(s);
- d. Addenda Number(s)_____;
- e. The Bid Response of the CONTRACTOR submitted for this Project and accompanying documents and certifications;
- f. Certificate(s) of Insurance and surety bond(s), if any, submitted by the CONTRACTOR in connection with this Project;
- g. Duly authorized and executed Amendments, Change Orders or Work Orders issued by the CITY after execution of this CITY-CONTRACTOR Agreement.

This CITY-CONTRACTOR Agreement, together with the other documents enumerated in this Article, constitute the entire Agreement between the CITY and the CONTRACTOR.

- III. **PRIORITY OF DOCUMENTS.** In the event of inconsistency between the terms of this CITY -CONTRACTOR Agreement and the Project Manual, the terms of this Agreement shall prevail.
- IV. **APPLICABLE STATUTES.** All applicable federal, state and local laws and regulations are incorporated herein by reference and the Contractor agrees to comply with same.

- V. **CONTRACT TERM.** The term of this contract **shall extend for 12 months from day of contract execution.**
- VI. **QUANTITIES.** The quantities specified in the Project Manual are approximate and are based on previous consumption. It is specifically understood the City does not agree to purchase any specific quantity, and purchases will be made to cover actual requirements only. The City may increase or decrease the quantity of any item specified without change in price per unit of quantity as stated in the Contractor's Bid Response.
- VII. **MATERIALS.** The Contractor agrees, unless otherwise specified, that all equipment, materials and supplies furnished under this contract are to be first quality, new and unused.
- VIII. **AUTHORIZATION OF AND PAYMENT FOR WORK PERFORMED.** The execution of this contract does not constitute a notice to proceed or authorization to perform work or make deliveries. No work shall be commenced or deliveries made unless authorized by a written Work Order issued by the City specifying the equipment, materials or supplies to be delivered. The Contractor will be paid following completed delivery and acceptance of the equipment, materials or supplies ordered in accordance with the Contract. The City will use best efforts to pay within thirty (30) days of receipt of an invoice for the delivered equipment, materials or supplies or acceptance of same whichever date is later.
- IX. **CLAIMS FOR MATERIALS OR LABOR.** In the event any claims have been filed with the City for material or labor delivered or performed pursuant to this contract, the City shall be under no obligation to make any payment until such claims are adjusted to the satisfaction of the City. Any and all liens for supplies may be paid off by the City within twenty (20) days after the filing for record as provided by law of a notice of such liens, except where the claim on which the lien is filed is being litigated by the Contractor, and in such case the City may pay the amount of any final judgment or decree on any such claim. All money paid by the City in settlement of liens and claims as aforesaid, with the costs and expenses incurred by the City in connection therewith shall be charged to the Seller, bearing interest at the rate of six percent (6%) per annum, and be deducted from the next payment falling due the Seller under the terms of this contract.
- X. **UNIT PRICES.** It is agreed that the unit prices listed are maximum prices and that the City shall be entitled to take advantage of any decreasing market conditions, decreases to be governed by the manufacturers' price listing as might be generally adopted in the trade, or by the same percentage that the Seller may reduce prices to others who purchase in similar quantities and under similar conditions.
- XI. **RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE WORK/INDEMNIFICATION.** In the performance of any work, including the delivery of equipment, materials or supplies, pursuant to this Contract, the Contractor shall take all responsibility for the work, and shall take all precautions for preventing injuries to persons and property in or about the work and shall defend, indemnify and hold the City harmless from all loss, cost, damage or expense arising from injuries to persons or property in or about the work. The Contractor shall be responsible for any damage which may be caused by the failure or insufficiency of any temporary works. He shall effectively protect his work and shall be liable for all damage and loss by delay or otherwise caused by his neglect or failure so to do.
- XII. **WARRANTY.** Except as may be otherwise provided in the Project Manual, the Contractor shall replace, repair or make good, without cost to the City, any defects or faults arising within one (1) year after date of acceptance of equipment, materials or supplies furnished hereunder (acceptance not to be unreasonably delayed) resulting from imperfect or defective work done or materials furnished by the Contractor.
- XIII. **PATENT INDEMNIFICATION.** The Contractor agrees to assume the defense of and shall indemnify and save harmless the City and all persons acting for or on behalf of it from all suits and claims against them, or any of them, arising from or occasioned by the use of any material, equipment or apparatus, or any part thereof which infringes or is alleged to infringe on any patent rights. In case such material, equipment or apparatus, or any part thereof, in any such suit is held to constitute infringement, the Contractor, within a reasonable time, shall at its own expense, and as the City may elect, replace such material, equipment or apparatus with non-infringing material, equipment or apparatus, or remove the material, equipment, or apparatus and refund the sums paid therefor.
- XIV. **INSPECTION.** For the purposes of inspection of the equipment, materials and supplies covered by this contract, the Contractor shall give the City free access to his works and furnish every facility for properly inspecting such equipment, materials and supplies, and shall furnish full information, whenever requested, relating thereto. Approval by any inspector of the City shall not relieve the Contractor from his obligation to comply in all respects with the contract.

- XV. **ASSIGNMENT/SUB-CONTRACTING.** The Contractor agrees that he will not sell, assign or transfer this Contract or any part thereof or interest therein without the prior written consent of the City.
- XVI. **INSTALLATION.** If any of the equipment, materials and supplies covered by this contract is to be installed by either the Contractor or the City, the Contractor shall, upon request of the City, furnish a competent employee to supervise the installation without expense to the City, unless otherwise provided herein. Such supervisor, or other employees furnished by the Contractor, shall be the agents of the Contractor and not of the City, and the Contractor hereby agrees to indemnify the City and hold it harmless from and against any and all loss, costs, damage, and expense sustained as the result of negligence or other conduct on the part of such supervisor or employee.
- XVII. **TERMINATION.** The City of Newton may, by written notice of default to the Contractor, terminate the whole or any part of this Contract or any Work of Purchase Order issued pursuant thereto in any one of the following circumstances:
- a. If the Contractor fails to make delivery of the equipment, goods or supplies or to perform the services within the time specified herein or any extension thereof;
 - b. If the Contractor fails to perform any of the other provisions of this contract or, if in the opinion of the City, Contractor so fails to make progress as to endanger performance of this contract in accordance with its terms, and in either of these two circumstances does not correct such failure within thirty (30) days (or such longer period as the City may authorize in writing) after receipt of notice from the City specifying such failure.
- XVIII. **GOVERNING LAW.** This Contract shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.
- XIX. **SEVERABILITY.** The provisions of this Contract are severable. If any section, paragraph, clause or provision of this Contract shall be finally adjudicated by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, the remainder of this Contract shall be unaffected by such adjudication and all of the remaining provisions of this Contract shall remain in full force and effect as though such section, paragraph, clause or provision, or any part thereof so adjudicated to be invalid, had not been included herein, unless such remaining provisions, standing alone, are incomplete and incapable of being executed in accordance with the intent of the parties to this Contract.
- XX. **AMENDMENTS TO THIS CONTRACT.** This Contract may not be amended except in writing executed in the same manner as this CITY-CONTRACTOR Agreement.

THIS SPACE INTENTIONALLY LEFT BLANK

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have caused this instrument to be executed under seal the day and year first above written.

CONTRACTOR

By _____
Title _____

Date _____

Affix Corporate Seal Here

City funds in the amount of \$ _____
are available in account number
28A401Z4-5546

I further certify that the Mayor is
authorized to execute contracts and
approve change orders

By _____
Comptroller of Accounts

Date _____

CITY OF NEWTON

By _____
Chief Procurement Officer

Date _____

By _____
Commission of Public Works

Date _____

Approved as to Legal Form and
Character

By _____
Associate City Solicitor

Date _____

CONTRACT AND BONDS APPROVED

By _____
Setti D. Warren, Mayor

Date _____

CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY - CORPORATE

1. I hereby certify that I am the Clerk/Secretary of _____
(insert full name of Corporation)
2. corporation, and that _____
(insert the name of officer who signed the **contract and bonds.**)
3. is the duly elected _____
(insert the title of the officer in line 2)
4. of said corporation, and that on _____
(insert a date that is ***ON OR BEFORE*** the date the
officer signed the **contract and bonds.**)

at a duly authorized meeting of the Board of Directors of said corporation, at which all the directors were present or waived notice, it was voted that

5. _____ the _____
(insert **name** from line 2) (insert **title** from line 3)

of this corporation be and hereby is authorized to execute contracts and bonds in the name and on behalf of said corporation, and affix its Corporate Seal thereto, and such execution of any contract of obligation in this corporation's name and on its behalf, with or without the Corporate Seal, shall be valid and binding upon this corporation; and that the above vote has not been amended or rescinded and remains in full force and effect as of the date set forth below.

6. ATTEST: _____ *AFFIX CORPORATE*
(Signature of **Clerk or Secretary**)* *SEAL HERE*
7. Name: _____
(Please print or type name in line 6)*
8. Date: _____
(insert a date that is ***ON OR AFTER*** the date the
officer signed the **contract and bonds.**)

* The name and signature inserted in lines 6 & 7 must be that of the Clerk or Secretary of the corporation.

ATTESTATION

Pursuant to MG c. 62C, § 49A, the undersigned acting on behalf of the Contractor, certifies under the penalties of perjury that, to the best of the undersign's knowledge and belief, the Contractor is in compliance with all laws of the Commonwealth relating to taxes, reporting of employees and contractors, and withholding and remitting child support.*

**Signature of Individual
or Corporate Contractor (Mandatory)

*** Contractor's Social Security Number
(Voluntary) or Federal Identification Number

By: _____
Corporate Officer
(Mandatory, if applicable)

Date: _____

* The provision in the Attestation relating to child support applies only when the Contractor is an individual.

** Approval of a contract or other agreement will not be granted unless the applicant signs this certification clause.

*** Your social security number will be furnished to the Massachusetts Department of Revenue to determine whether you have met tax filing or tax payment obligations. Providers who fail to correct their non-filing or delinquency will not have a contract or other agreement issued, renewed, or extended. This request is made under the authority of GL c. 62C, § 49A.

CITY OF NEWTON, MASSACHUSETTS

PURCHASING DEPARTMENT

GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS

1. The right is reserved to reject any and all bids, to waive informalities, and to make award as may be determined to be in the best interest of the City of Newton.
2. Prices quoted must include delivery to the City, as specified on the Purchase Order.
3. No charges will be allowed for packing, crating, freight, Express or cartage unless specifically stated and included in the bid.
4. The award to the successful bidder may be canceled if successful bidder shall fail to prosecute the work with promptness and diligence.
5. Time in connection with discount offered will be computed from the date of delivery to the City, as specified on purchase order, or from date correct invoice is received by the City, if the latter date is later than the date of delivery.
6. The successful bidder shall replace, repair or make good, without cost to the City, any defects or faults arising within one (1) year after date of acceptance of articles furnished hereunder (acceptance not to be unreasonably delayed) resulting from imperfect or defective work done or materials furnished by the Seller.
7. The Seller shall indemnify and save harmless the City and all persons acting for on behalf of it from all suits and claims against them, or any of them, arising from or occasioned by the use of any material, equipment or apparatus, or any part thereof, which infringes or is alleged to infringe on any patent rights. In case such material, equipment or apparatus, or any part thereof, in any such suit is held to constitute infringement, the Seller, within a reasonable time, will at its expense, and as the City may elect, replace such material, equipment or apparatus with non-infringing material, equipment or apparatus, or remove the material, equipment or apparatus, and refund the sums paid therefor.
8. The successful bidder shall comply with all applicable Federal State and Local laws and regulations.
9. Purchases made by the City are exempt from Federal excise taxes and bid prices must exclude any such taxes. Tax exemption certificates will be furnished upon request.
10. If so stated in the Invitation For Bid the successful bidder will be required to furnish a performance and/or a labor and material payment bond, in an amount, in a form and with a surety satisfactory to the City. The bidder shall be responsible for the cost of the bond(s).
11. If the Invitation for Bids requires bid surety, this surety shall be in the form of a cash, bid bond, cashier's check, treasurer's check, or certified check on a responsible bank, payable to the City of Newton, and must be filed with the original bid in the Office of the Purchasing Agent. Failure to do so will lead to rejection of bid. The bid surety will be returned to the successful bidder within seven (7) days execution of awarded, and approval by the City of performance and/or payment bond(s). In case of default, the bid surety shall be forfeited to the City.
12. Verbal orders are not binding on the City and deliveries made or work done without formal Purchase Order or Contract are at the risk of the Seller or Contractor and may result in an unenforceable claim.
13. The Seller shall agree to indemnify, defend and hold the City harmless from any and all claims arising out of the performance of this contract.
14. Notice is hereby given that the City of Newton Minority Business Enterprise Plan and the Supplemental Equal Employment Opportunity Anti-Discrimination and Affirmative Action is applicable to all City of Newton contracts in excess of \$50,000.00. A copy of these plans may be obtained from the Purchasing Department.

15. Right To Know:

Any vendor who receives an order or orders resulting from this invitation agrees to submit a Material Safety Data Sheet (MSDS) for each toxic or hazardous substance or mixture containing such substance, pursuant to M.G.L., Ch. 111F, SS8, 9 and 10 and the regulations contained in 441 CMR SS 21.06 when deliveries are made. The vendor agrees to deliver all containers properly labeled pursuant to M.G.L. Ch. 111F, SS 7 and the regulations contained in 441 CMR SS 21.05. Failure to submit an MSDS and/or label on each container will place the vendor in noncompliance with the purchase order. Failure to furnish MSDSs and/or labels on each container may result in civil or criminal penalties, including bid debarment and action to prevent the vendor from selling said substances or mixtures containing said substances within the Commonwealth. All vendors furnishing substances or mixtures subject to Chapter 111F of the M.G.L. are cautioned to obtain and read the law and rules and regulations referred to above. Copies can be obtained from the State House Book Store, Secretary of State, State House, Room 117, Boston, MA 02133, (617-727-2834) for \$2.00 plus \$.65 postage.

16. INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS

The Contractor shall provide insurance coverage as listed below. This insurance shall be provided at the Contractor's expense and shall be in full force and effect during the full term of this Contract.

WORKER'S COMPENSATION

Worker's Compensation: Per M.G.L. c.. 149, s. 34 and c.. 152 as amended.

COMMERCIAL GENERAL LIABILITY

Personal Injury	\$500,000 each occurrence
	\$1,000,000 aggregate
Property Damage	\$500,000 each occurrence
	\$1,000,000 aggregate

VEHICLE LIABILITY

Personal Injury	\$500,000 each person
	\$1,000,000 aggregate
Property Damage	\$300,000

The City shall be named as additional insureds on the Contractor's Liability Policies. The Contractor shall not commence the work until proof of compliance with this has been furnished to the City by submitting one copy of a properly endorsed insurance certificate issued by a company authorized to write insurance in the Commonwealth. This certificate shall indicate that the contractual liability coverage is in force. The Contractor shall file the original and one certified copy of all policies with the City within ten (10) days after contract award. If the City is damaged by the Contractor's failure to maintain such insurance and to so notify the City, then the Contractor shall be responsible for all reasonable costs attributable thereto. Cancellation of any insurance required by this contract, whether by the insurer or the insured, shall not be valid unless written notice thereof is given by the party proposing cancellation to the other party and City at least thirty days prior to the effective date thereof, which shall be expressed in said notice.

FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH THESE TERMS AND CONDITIONS COULD RESULT IN THE CANCELLATION OF YOUR CONTRACT.

CITY OF NEWTON

MINORITY/ WOMEN BUSINESS ENTERPRISE PLAN

DECEMBER 1, 1999

STATEMENT OF POLICY:

Whereas it is the policy of the government of the United States of America, the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and the City of Newton that no person shall be discriminated against in any manner whatsoever on the grounds of race, religion, color, sex, handicap or national origin; and

Whereas, it is the policy of the government of the United States of America that no person shall, on the grounds of race, color, sex or national origin, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any program of activity funded entirely or in part by the City, the State or Federal government; and

Whereas, it is the policy of the government of the United States of America to encourage that Minority/Women Business Enterprises shall have the maximum practicable opportunity to participate in Federal and State assisted projects; and all City funded contracts; and

Whereas, it is the policy of the City of Newton to encourage that minority/women business enterprises shall have the maximum practicable opportunity to participate in all City funded contracts; and

Whereas, the City of Newton, as a recipient of Federal and State funds subscribes to the above policies and will fully comply With Federal, State and local laws and directives governing non-discrimination, equal opportunity and affirmative action in all municipal activities; and

Whereas, to further enunciate the equal opportunity policy of the City of Newton's Minority/Women Business Program, the following responsibilities are specified

This MINORITY/ WOMEN Business Enterprise Plan sets forth the administrative standards for the further implementation of the City of Newton's policy of the utilization of minority contractors and subcontractors.

The City of Newton strongly affirms that it will not discriminate in any contractual procedures against any persons because of race, color, religion, age, disability, sex or national origin. This policy shall be administered with a positive supportive attitude.

It is the responsibility of the City of Newton to take affirmative steps to implement this policy to insure equality of opportunity in conducting the Program including notifying those persons and businesses doing business with the City, that contracts for goods, services and construction, shall be made Without reference or regard to race, color, sex, age, handicap, religion or national origin.

David B. Cohen Mayor

CITY OF NEWTON
MINORITY/ WOMEN BUSINESS ENTERPRISE PLAN

DECEMBER 1, 1999

I. DEFINITIONS:

A. Minority Person- the term includes a person who is of Black Hispanic, Asian, American Indian or Cape Verdean origin.

B. Minority Business Enterprise (MBE) -- the term shall mean a business a) that is certified by SOMWBA; or b) provides evidence satisfactory to the City's Affirmative Action Officer that it is a business owned or controlled by one or more of the following:

- an individual who is a minority person,
- a partnership or joint venture controlled by minority persons in which at least 51 % of the ownership interest is held by minority persons or,
- a corporation or other entity controlled by minority persons and in which at least 51 % of the stock is owned by one or more minority persons.

C. Contract Compliance Officer - the Chief Procurement Officer or his/her designee responsible for the implementation of Newton's Minority/Women Enterprise Plan ("MWBE Plan") and activities.

D. MCAD - Massachusetts Commission Against Discrimination.

E. SOMWBA -- State Office of Minority/Women Business Assistance,

F. City - The City of Newton.

G. Women Business Enterprise (WBE) - the term shall mean a business a) that is certified by SOMWBA; or b) provides evidence satisfactory to the City's Affirmative Action Officer that it is a business owned or controlled by one or more of the following:

- an individual who is a woman.
- a partnership or joint venture controlled by women in which at least 51% of the ownership interest is held by women, or
- a corporation or other entity controlled by women and in which at least 51% of the stock is owned by one or more women.

H. MWBE – Minority or Women Business Enterprise

II. GOALS:

Newton's Minority/Women Enterprise Plan ("MWBE Plan") shall be guided by the goals presented below to promote minority/women opportunities within the City.

These goals comprise the framework for those activities to be implemented as part of the MWBE Plan:

To take affirmative action in expanding opportunities for minority and women owned firms in obtaining contracts within the City of Newton.

To assure that all contractors, regardless of race color, religion, creed, national origin, sex, age, ancestry or handicap, shall have equal opportunity to City contracting activities.

To award, of the total annual City contract dollars expended, 10 percent to MBE and 5 percent to WBE for construction; for goods and services, 5 percent WBE and 5 percent MBE.

III. SOLICITATION ACTIVITIES:

To notify MWBEs of upcoming contracts for construction, professional services and supplies, funded in whole or in part with Federal, State, and City funds, the following activities will be undertaken. In addition on a regular basis, the City of Newton will distribute to its listing of MWBEs and SOMWBA, a summary of upcoming contract opportunities which are subject to the City's MWBE Plan.

A. Construction Contracts

All construction contracts with an estimated value over \$50,000 will be formally advertised within local, regional, minority and special interest publications at least 14 days prior to the bid opening date.

For all such construction contracts a "Notice of Solicitation" of a project going out to bid will be distributed to appropriate SOMWBA or City certified firms at least 14 days prior to the bid opening date.

B. Contracts for Professional Services

The City of Newton will send notification of its advertised Request for Proposals to appropriate! SOMWBA or City certified firms Responding MWBE firms will be considered for contract award within the bounds of generally accepted management practice or with the applicable procurement law relating to securing the lowest cost and best services available.

C. Procurement of Supplies

The City of Newton will (where feasible) utilize MWBEs for the procurement of supplies in accordance with City purchasing procedures. These efforts will be documented and reported to MCAD, and the Mayor's office on a quarterly basis.

IV. CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITIES:

A. Goals

The City of Newton bid documents and contracts with an estimated value over \$50,000 will contain the City's goal of 10% for MBE and 5% for WBE utilization for subcontracts,

B. Pre-Bid Conference

To affirmatively further the opportunities available to prospective bidders, the City will hold a pre-bid conference 5-7 days prior to the bid opening date for all City construction contracts and subcontracts with an estimated value over \$50,000.

The pre-bid conference will provide an opportunity for contractors to: review and clarify the technical requirements of the projects, review the City's MWBE Plan; and review Equal Opportunity requirements. The City will advertise this conference and extend invitations to interested contractors as part of the notice of solicitation.

C. Bid Submission

All bids for City of Newton contracts with an estimated value over \$50,000 shall include a certification of intent to be completed by the bidder stating his/her intent to comply with the City's MWBE Plan. Failure to include this certification shall be an informality which may be waived if such certification is received prior to the award of the contract.

D. Contract Execution

Upon notification of award of the contract, the bidder shall provide a written plan detailing how it will comply with the MWBE Plan

E. Monitoring

Throughout the duration of the contract, the City of Newton through its Contract Compliance Officer, will monitor the progress and activities of all contractors and subcontractors as they attempt to comply with the MWBE Plan.

F. Enforcement

In the case of clear neglect to make a good faith effort to comply with this MWBE Plan, the City of Newton reserves the right to designate contractor, after a hearing, as ineligible for future City bid awards.

V. CONTRACT COMPLIANCE OFFICER/DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES:

The Contract Compliance Officer, as liaison between minority firms and the City of Newton will have the overall responsibility for the implementation of Newton's MWBE Plan. This responsibility includes the development, management, dissemination of information; the provision of technical assistance to minority firms including clarification of procedures to be implemented; maintenance of relevant documentation; completion of reporting requirements; and performance of monitoring and evaluation activities; and maintenance and updating of listings of minority/women business.

The Contract Compliance Officer has oversight of all City procurements for construction, professional services and supplies and shall coordinate the implementation of the MWBE Plan with other City departments.

THE CITY OF NEWTON, MASSACHUSETTS
SUPPLEMENTAL EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY
ANTI-DISCRIMINATION AND AFFIRMATIVE ACTION PROGRAM

- I. The requirements hereinafter set forth apply to construction contracts which involve an expenditure by the City of \$50,000 or more.
- II. For purposes of this contract "minority" refers to Asian Americans, Black, Hispanics American Indians and Cape Verdeans. The City refers to the City of Newton
- III. During the performance of this contract the Contractor and all of (his) Subcontractors (hereinafter collectively referred to as the Contractor) , for himself, his assignees, and successors ,in interest, agree as follows:
 1. In connection with the performance of work under this contract, the Contractor shall not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of race, color, religious creed, national origin, age or sex. The aforesaid provision shall include, but not be limited to, the following: layoff; termination; rates of pay or other forms of compensation; conditions or privileges of employment; and the selection of apprenticeship. The Contractor shall post hereafter in conspicuous places, available for employees and applicants for employment, notices to be provided by the City setting forth the provisions of the Fair Employment Practices Law of the Commonwealth (MGL Chapter 151B) . (See Attachment A)
 2. In connection with the performance of work under this contract, the Contractor shall undertake in good faith, affirmative action measures designed to eliminate any discriminatory barriers in the terms and conditions of employment on the grounds of race, color, religious creed, national origin, age or sex, and to eliminate and remedy any effects of such discrimination -in the past. Such affirmative action shall entail positive and aggressive measures to ensure equal employment: opportunity in the areas of hiring, upgrading, demotion or transfer, recruitment, 'Layoff or termination, rate of compensation, and in-service or apprenticeship training programs. This affirmative action shall include all action required to guarantee equal employment opportunity for all persons, regardless of race, color, religious creed, national origin, age or sex. A 'purpose of- this provision is to ensure to the fullest extent possible an adequate supply of skilled tradesmen for this and future City public construction projects
- IV.
 1. As part of this obligation of remedial action under the foregoing section, the contractor shall maintain on this project a not less than 5 percent ratio of minority employee man hours to total man hours in each job category, including, but not limited to, bricklayers, carpenters, cement masons, electricians, ironworkers, operating engineers, and those "classes of work" enumerated in Section 44C of Chapter 149 of the Massachusetts General Laws.
 2. In the hiring of minority journeymen, apprentices, trainees and advanced trainees, the Contractor shall rely on referrals, from the Contractor's affirmative action program approved by the City, traditional referral methods utilized by the construction industry, and referrals from agencies, not more than three in number at any one time, designated by the Liaison Committee or the City.
- V.
 1. At the discretion of the City, there may be established for the life of this contract a body to be known as the Liaison Committee, The Liaison Committee shall be composed of the Compliance Officer and one representative each from the Departments administering this project, hereinafter called the administering Departments, and such other representatives as may be designated by the City.
 2. The Contractor (or, his/her agent, if any, designated by him/her as the onsite equal employment opportunity officer) shall recognize the Liaison Committee as the affirmative action body, and shall establish a continuing working relationship with the Liaison Committee on all matters related to minority recruitment, referral, employment and training.

3. The Contractor shall prepare manning tables on a quarterly basis.* These shall be broken down into projections, by week, for workers required in each trade. Copies shall be furnished one week in advance of the initiation of work and quarterly thereafter to the City and to the Liaison Committee.
4. Records of employment referral orders, prepared by the Contractor, shall be made available to the City and to the Liaison Committee on request.
5. The contractor shall prepare weekly reports in a form approved by the City of hours worked in each trade by each employee, identified as minority or non-minority. Copies of these reports shall be provided at the end of each week to the City and to the Liaison Committee.

* If job is less than three months, prepare for length of job.

- VI. If the Contractor shall use any sub contractor on any work performed under this contract, he/she shall take affirmative action to negotiate with qualified minority subcontractors. This affirmative action shall cover both pre-bid and post-bid periods. It shall include notification to the State Office of: Minority *Business Assistance* or As designee, while bids are in preparation, of all products, work or services for which the Contractor intends to negotiate bids.
- VII. In the employment of journeyman, apprentices, trainees, and advanced trainees, the Contractor shall give preference to citizens of the Commonwealth who have served in the armed forces of the United States in time of war and have been honorably discharged therefrom or released from active duty therein, and who are qualified to perform the work to which the employment relates, and, secondly to citizens of the Commonwealth generally, and, if such cannot be obtained in sufficient numbers, then to citizens of the United States
- VIII. A designee of the City and a designee of the Liaison Committee shall each have the right of access to the Construction site,
- IX. **Compliance with Requirements**
The Contractor shall comply with the provisions of Chapter 151B of the Massachusetts General Laws, which are herein incorporated by reference and made as amended by Executive Order 227, and of Chapter 151B as amended, of the Massachusetts General Laws, both of which are herein incorporated by reference and made a part of this contract.
- X. **Non-Discrimination**
The Contractor, in the performance of all work after award, and prior to completion of the contract work, will not discriminate on the grounds of race, color, religious creed, national origin, age or sex in employment practices, in the selection or retention of sub-contractors, or in the procurement of materials and rentals of equipment.
- XI. **Solicitations for sub-Contracts and for the Procurement of Materials and Equipment**
In all solicitations either by competitive bidding or negotiation made by the Contractor either for work to be performed under a subcontract or for the procurement of materials or equipment, each potential subcontractor or supplier shall be notified in writing by the Contractor of the Contractor's obligations under his contract relative to non-discrimination and affirmative action.
- XII. **Bidders Certification Requirement**
 1. The following certification statement will be inserted in the bid document just above the bidder's signature.

"The bidder hereby certifies he shall comply with the minority manpower ratio and specific action steps contained in the City of Newton, Massachusetts Supplemental Equal Employment-- Opportunity Anti-Discrimination and Affirmative Action Program. The Contractor receiving the award of the contract

shall be required to obtain from each of its subcontractors and submit to the contracting or, administering agency prior to the performance of any work under said contract a certification by said subcontractor, regardless of tier, that it will comply with the minority manpower ratio and specific affirmative action steps contained in the City of Newton Massachusetts Supplemental Equal Employment Opportunity Anti-Discrimination and Affirmative Action Program.

XIII. Contractor's Certification

A Contractor's certification form must be signed by all successful low bidders prior to award by the City. A Contractor shall not be eligible for award of a contract unless the contractor has executed and submitted the Contractor's Certification, which shall be deemed a part of the resulting contract. (See Attachment B)

XIV. Subcontractor's Certification

Prior to the award of any subcontract, regardless of tier, the prospective subcontractor must execute and submit to the Prime Contractor a subcontractor's certification setting forth the subcontractor's compliance with this program, which shall be deemed a part of the resulting subcontract. (See Attachment C)

XV. Compliance - Information, Reports and Sanctions

1. The Contractor will provide all information and reports Required by the administering department or, the City on instruction issued by either of them and will permit access to its facilities and any books, records, accounts and other sources of information which may be determined by the City to affect the employment of personnel. This provision shall apply only to information pertinent to the City's supplementary affirmative action contract requirements. Where information required is in the exclusive possession of another who fails or refuses to furnish this information, the Contractor shall so certify to the administering department or the City as appropriate and shall set forth what efforts he/she has made to obtain the information.

2. Whenever the administering department, the City, or the Liaison Committee believes the General Contractor or any Subcontractor may not-, be operating in compliance with the terms of this Section, the City directly, or through its designated agent, shall conduct an appropriate investigation, and may confer with the parties, to determine if such Contractor is operating in compliance with the terms of this Section. If the City or its agent finds the General Contractor or any Subcontractor not in compliance, it shall make a preliminary report on non-compliance, and notify such Contractor in writing of such steps as will in the judgement of the City or its agent bring such Contractor into compliance. In the event, that such Contractor fails or refuses to fully perform such steps, the City shall make a final report of non-compliance, and recommend to the administering department the imposition of one or more of the sanctions listed below. If, however, the City believes the General Contractor or any Subcontractor has taken or is taking every possible measure to achieve compliance, it shall not make a final report of non-compliance. within fourteen days at the receipt of the recommendations of the City, the administering department shall move to impose one or more of the following sanctions, as it may deem appropriate to attain full and effective enforcement:

(a) The recovery by the administering department from the General Contractor of 1/100 of 11 of the contract award price or \$1000 whichever sum is greater, in the nature of liquidated damages or if a Subcontractor is in non-compliance, the recovery by the administering department from the General Contractor, to be assessed by the General Contractor as a back charge against the Subcontractor, of 1/10 of 1% of the sub-contract price, or \$400 whichever sum is greater, in the nature of liquidated damages, for each week that such party fails or refuses to comply

(b) The suspension of any payment of part thereof due under the contract until such time as the General Contractor or any Subcontractor is able to demonstrate his compliance with the terms of the contract;

(c) The termination, or cancellation, of the contract, in whole or in part, unless the General Contractor or any Subcontractor is able to demonstrate within a specified time his/her compliance with the terms of the City's affirmative action construction contract requirements; OR,

(d) The denial to the General Contractor or any Subcontractor of the right to participate in any future contracts awarded by the administering department for a period of up to three years.

3. If at any time after the imposition of one or more of the above sanctions (unless the contract has been terminated), a Contractor is able to demonstrate that he/she is in compliance with this section, he/she may request the City to suspend the sanctions conditionally pending a final determination by the City as to whether the Contractor is in compliance. Upon final determination of the City, the administering department, based upon the recommendation of the City, shall either lift the sanctions or continue them.
4. Sanctions enumerated under Section XV shall not be imposed by the City except after the General Contractor or Subcontractor have had an opportunity for full and fair hearing with City. The non-compliance investigation shall be initiated without prior notice to the contractor. Any sanctions to be imposed shall be, set forth fully and completely in writing, and may then be appealed to the City in writing by the Contractor.

.XIV. Severability

The provisions of this section are severable, and if any of these provisions shall be held unconstitutional by any court of competent jurisdiction, the decision of such court shall not affect or impair any of the remaining provisions.

FAIR EMPLOYMENT LAW

The Fair Employment Law declares that it is illegal to discriminate on the basis of race, color, religious creed, national origin, sex, sexual orientation, age, ancestry or disability

IT IS UNLAWFUL:

- to print or circulate any advertisement or use any application form which directly or indirectly specifies any limitation on the basis of race, color, religious creed, national origin, sex, sexual orientation, age, ancestry or disability.
- to discharge or refuse to hire any individual on the basis of their race, color, religious creed, national origin, sex, sexual orientation, age, ancestry, or disability.
- to discriminate against any individual in matters relating to compensation, terms, conditions, or privileges of employment because of their race, color, religious creed, national origin, sex, sexual orientation, age, ancestry or disability.
- to require a woman to leave her job at some arbitrary stage in her pregnancy or to refuse to let her return to work until a specified time set by the employer.
- to grant a female employee at least eight weeks leave for purposes of childbirth or to treat her absence differently than any other absence due to disability.
- to require an employee to remain at work during any day or part thereof that s/he observes as a religious holiday provided that the employee gives a ten-day notice and the absence does not cause undue hardship to the employer.
- to discharge or refuse to hire any person because of their failure to furnish information concerning admission to a center for the treatment of mentally ill persons.
- to discriminate against a job applicant for failure to furnish information, written or oral, concerning:- A) an arrest, detention or disposition regarding a violation of law in which no conviction resulted; B) a first conviction for any of the following misdemeanors: driving under the influence, simple assault, speeding, minor traffic violations, disturbance of the peace; or C) conviction for a misdemeanor where the date of the conviction or end of period of incarceration, if any, occurred more than five years prior to the employment application, and the applicant has not been convicted of any offense within the five years immediately before the date of application.

RETALIATION

It is illegal to retaliate against any person because s/he has opposed any practices forbidden under this Chapter or because s/he has filed a complaint, testified, or assisted in any proceeding before the Commission. It is also illegal to aid, abet, incite, compel or coerce the doings of any of the acts forbidden under this Chapter or to attempt to do so.

SEXUAL HARASSMENT

151B:1,18 The term "sexual harassment" shall mean sexual advances, requests for sexual favors, and other verbal or physical conduct of a sexual nature when (a) submission to or rejection of such advances, requests or conduct is made either explicitly or implicitly a term or condition of employment, or as a basis for employment decisions; (h) such advances,, requests or conduct have the purpose or effect of unreasonably interfering with an individual's work performance by creating an intimidating, hostile, humiliating or sexually offensive work environment.

COMPLAINTS

All complaints must be filed in writing. Information on the filing of complaints can be obtained by contacting the MASSACHUSETTS COMMISSION AGAINST DISCRIMINATION at the following locations:

Boston office:
One Ashburton Place
Room 601
Boston, MA 02108
(617) 727-3990

Springfield office:
436 Dwight Street
Suite 315
Springfield, MA 01103
(413) 739-2145